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- 1. AT LUNCHEON OF BONN GROUP DELS MARCH 6, US REPS EXPLAINED DEPARTMENT'S RATIONALE BEHIND REVISED US TEXT AND WERE INFORMED OF INSTRUCTED REACTIONS TO IT. UK PROPOSED ANOTHER LUNCH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, FOR FURTHER "INFORMAL AND UNCOMMITTED" EXCHANGE ON TEXT. US AND FRG AGREED THIS WOULD BE USEFUL AND FRENCH DID NOT RPT NOT OBJECT.
- 2. UK CONSIDERS THAT US TEXT NEITHER ADEQUATELY PROTECTS QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS NOR MEETS THE CONCERNS OF THE NEUTRALS. UK EXPLINED, FIRST, THAT DEFINITE ARTICLE "THE" BEFORE "CORRESPONDING" RESTRICTS "LEGAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES" TO THOSE APPEARING IN "CORRESPONDING AGREEMENTS AND ARRANGEMENTS" THUS RENDERING THOSE WHICH DO NOT SO APPEAR, UNPROTECTED, SECONDLY, RETENTION OF WORD CONFIDENTIAL

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"RESPONSIBILITIES", EVEN WHEN QUALIFIED BY WORD "LEGAL",

PRESERVES LOOPHOLE FOR BREZHNEV DOCTRINE THAT FORMERLY TROUBLED NEUTRALS IN FRENCH TEXT. IN ADDITION UK ASKED WHY THE DEPARTMENT WISHED TO EXTEND PROTECTION TO FUTURE QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS AGREEMENTS IN THE CSCE CONTEXT -- I.E., WHO DROP "PREVIOUSLY ENTERED EXTEND INTO"? UK CONFIRMED THAT IN THEIR VIEW, EXISTING FRENCH TEXT WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED, AND AGAIN EXPRESSED THEIR PREFERENCE THAT DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE NOUR BONN GROUP COUNTRIES TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA.

- 3. FRG REPORTED THAT THEY WISH TO RETAIN THE WORD "OBLIGATIONS", AND PREFER THAT THE WORD "LEGAL" BE DELETED, AND WANT WORDS "IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW" BE USED INSTEAD, BUT AT THE END, FOLLOWING THE WORD "ARRANGEMENTS". FRG POINT HERE IS THAT "IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW" WOULD THEN MODIFY ONLY THE WORD "ARRANGEMENTS" AND NOT RPT NOT "AGREEMENTS." FRG WISHES TO PROTECT BONN'S POSITION THAT INNER-GERMN AGREEMENT IS NOT AN AGREEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND TO AVOID DEBATING ISSUE HERE. FRG REPS ALSO BELIEVED QRR TEXT TABLED BY FRENCH IN DECEMBER WILL HAVE TO BE REVISED IF NEUTRALS AND OTHERS ARE TO ACCEPT IT AND THAT ANY FALLBACK TEXT SHOULD BE WORKED OUT IN GENEVA, NOT BONN.
- 4. FRENCH REPORTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES OBJECTED TO PROCEDING WITH DEVELOPING FALL-BACK TEXT AT THIS TIME BECAUSE ANY LEAK OF SUCH A PROCESS WOULD DAMAGE OUR CREDIBILITY WITH THE NEUTRALS.
- 5. ALL AGREED THAT KNOWLEDGE OF NEW US TEXT SHOULD BE STRICLY BE LIMITED TO BONN GROUP DELS AND THAT OUR PRESENT POSITION OF DEFENDING THE FRENCH TEXT WOULD BE MAINTAINED IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH NEUTRALS, SOVIETS AND OTHERS. DALE

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